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Malaria, as a form of epidemic which reduces the working ability of thousands and thousands of persons, is being exterminated in Bulgaria.

In 1932 - 1933 the percentage of malaria cases was 11.8 percent; in 1948, 3.2 percent; and in the past year, only 0.7 percent. According to preliminary data from the Ministry of Public Health, the percentage of malaria cases during the current year will be even lower.

All persons who have been ill with malaria in recent years have been sought out and registered. By this measure, a large number of malaria-infected spots have been eliminated.

Mass checkups to discover malaria cases have been made in children's, students' and workers' homes, farm workers' cooperatives, and among the entire population of localities infested with malaria. This has helped in the timely discovery of malaria cases so that they may receive regular treatment.

Strong measures have been taken in the fight against mosquitoes, the carriers of the malaria infection. Households and industrial buildings in villages infested with malaria have been sprayed with DDT. More than 550 inhabited localities were sprayed with DDT last spring.

In addition, health officials are carrying on extensive sanitary activity assisted by economic and technical departments. Many ponds and swamps have been drained and dried up; the courses of many creeks and small brooks have been altered; and hundreds of trenches, holes, and pits have been filled in.

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